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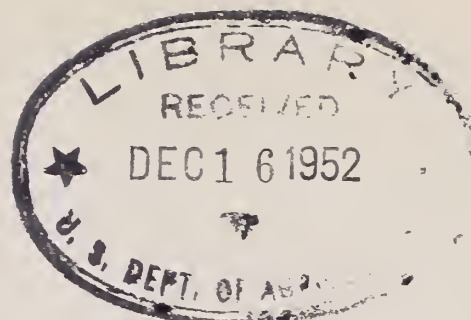
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## USDA BUILDING DATA

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SOMEBODY WANTS to know a little of the history of the construction of the Main Administration building and its wings, the Annex Building, and the South Building, housing the Washington, D. C., offices of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. By a little rummaging in the files we have it summarized.

The East and West wings were built under congressional authority given on February 9, 1903, at a cost limit of \$1,500,000. Plans were approved in August 1904. The cornerstone was placed and dedicated on September 16, 1904. The wings were completed in November 1907.

The central Administration Building was authorized by Congress on July 3, 1926, in the amount of \$2,000,000. The plans were drawn and supervised by the Office of the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department. It was completed in March 1930. Congress in July 1926, in the amount of \$2,000,000. The plans were drawn and supervised by the Office of the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department. It was completed in March 1930. Congress in July 1926 approved purchase of land for the Agricultural Annex Building and for the site and erection of the South Building. In the case of the Annex Building, \$325,000 was authorized for purchase of the land and the old Economics Building, and in January 1928 a further sum of \$103,000 was authorized for purchase of the site. The Annex Building was constructed from Bureau of Engraving and Printing Annex funds at a cost of \$450,000. It was finished in March 1937.

The original authorization for the South Building was \$5,750,000, but two other extra sums were authorized later to increase the total financial limitations. The building was completed under the Public Buildings Branch, Procurement Division, Treasury Department. Construction started in June 1930, and the entire structure was done by January 15, 1937. It cost approximately \$10,000,000.

The South Building has 7 miles of corridors, 6 floors, attic, basement, and sub-basement. The net office space is 1,181,904 square feet. There are 4,292 rooms, 4,746 windows and 40 elevators in the building. Jefferson Auditorium has a seating capacity of 550 persons. The 2 bridges that connect the Administration and the South Buildings are about 100 feet long.







